

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1794
Application No.: 10/568,381 Examiner: E. S. WOOD
Filed: February 14, 2006 Confirmation No.: 1036
For: INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina
January 7, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 1, 2008, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed is a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time with credit card form to extend the due date to February 1, 2009. A certified English translation of German parent application 103 39 802.3 has been ordered and will be forwarded upon receipt.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.

Enter /Ellen Wood/ 01/08/2009